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LETTER DATED 30 MAY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We regret to inform you that Serbian aggressors have launched a new offensive against the "safe area" of Gorazde, and continue their offensives against the towns of Brcko and Maglaj with unabated intensity, as well as severely shelling Sarajevo (another "safe area").

Acting under instructions from the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, under paragraph 1 of Article 35 of the United Nations Charter, in view of renewed and intensified Serbian aggression against a sovereign United Nations Member State as well as United Nations proclaimed "safe areas", we urgently request an emergency meeting of the Security Council.

Excellency, I also have the honour to present to you the attached letter dated 30 May 1993 from my President to Your Excellency.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this and the attached letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 30 May 1993 from the President of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

The town and population of Gorazde, an area declared a "safe area" by the United Nations Security Council, has become the latest target of Serb aggression and ethnic cleansing. After supplementing previously existing forces with more forces from the Republic of Serbia and other "safe areas", Serbs have launched this new concentrated offensive against Gorazde and its civilian population of 60,000. Serbian leadership still shows no respect for and continues to manipulate the authority of the United Nations Security Council. They fear no reprisal from the international community. The victim continues to be deprived of defensive assistance and weaponry.

We again, on the basis of past experience, fear the massacre of a civilian population (while the United Nations equivocates these claims on the basis of lack of information because they have not received permission from Serbian forces to enter the enclave and witness the slaughter). We must demand immediate action. It is not acceptable to have United Nations forces facilitating the surrender of the defenders of a sovereign Member State of the United Nations.

We call upon the United Nations Security Council and relevant Member States to take the "necessary measures" to challenge and stop this latest act of aggression and genocide. It is clear that "necessary measures" have not been taken when United Nations forces are blocked from even entering Gorazde to monitor the "safe area" and the current aggression against it. If the Security Council fails to take such "necessary measures", the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina emphasizes a call to all Member States of the United Nations to come to its assistance under Article 51 of the United Nations Charter.

May I request your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC
President